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## **OPINION**

## of the ROMANIAN SENATE, on the

proposal for a Council Directive on the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste COM (2010) 618 final

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of the Proposal for a Council Directive on the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste COM (2010) 618 final according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of our permanent Committee for Economy, Industry and Services and Committee for Public Administration, Organization of the Territory and Environment Protection, the Plenum of the Senate, during its session of 7 March 2011, has found that the mentioned proposal is compliant with the subsidiarity principle.

As regards the **proportionality principle**, the Senate disagreed with Article 4 par. 3, considered too restrictive in this field, since it imposes the collaboration only between the Member States and precludes the regional cooperation facilities with third countries. Consequently, the Senate recommended the modification of this text with a view to the respect of the safety deposit criterion for spent fuel and radioactive waste, either inside or outside the EU.

President

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